

FACT SHEET

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PROJECT STATUS

The initial analysis and conceptual design of the Leucadia At-Grade Rail Crossing project was funded in FY 21/22.

The City has awarded an engineering contract and site analysis is mostly complete and Concept Plans have been created.

PROJECT BUDGET

City Council approved \$269,900 for the Safe Corridor Rail Study. This funding will cover initial analysis and conceptual design and is included in the Capital Improvement Program budget.

PROJECT LOCATION

At-grade rail crossings for cyclists and pedestrians are proposed at Grandview/Hillcrest and Glaucus.

CONTACT US

For questions or concerns about the project, Matt Widelski, Sr. Engineer at mwidelski@encinitasca.gov.



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Leucadia At-Grade Cyclist/ Pedestrian Rail Crossings



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The rail corridor bisects the community of Leucadia and impedes travel between dense residential development and an elementary school on the east side of the rail corridor; and the beach, residences and thriving business district on the west. There is a high volume of pedestrian and cyclist activity in the area; however, legal pedestrian crossings are only available at the far north end of Leucadia at La Costa Avenue or at Leucadia Boulevard to the south. This leaves a 1.3-mile gap in the heart of the community without a safe, legal place to cross the railroad tracks.

The crossing locations at Grandview/Hillcrest and Glaucus were selected based on community input gathered through the City's Cross Connect study. This project will require coordination with North County Transit District (NCTD) and BNSF Railway; and requires approval from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

The city established an MOU with NCTD to jointly pursue design and CPUC approval of two at-grade crossings in Leucadia community to improve pedestrian safety.

The City has hired a rail expert to analyze the two new at-grade rail crossing locations. The initial study will evaluate the proposed at-grade crossing locations and develop concept plans using the required rail safety equipment based on guidance and feedback from NCTD and CPUC. Public outreach will occur during concept development to help inform the project design.

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